

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-27, 29 and 30 are pending in the present application. Claims 5, 15, and 25 are amended to correct typographical errors that do not affect the scope of the claims. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The examiner rejected claims 5, 15, and 25 as indefinite. Applicant has amended these claims accordingly, thereby overcoming the rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Asserted Obviousness

The examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-27, 29, and 30 as unpatentable over *Baugh et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,553) in view of *Herlin et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,915,021), and further in view of *Ashby et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,305,384). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

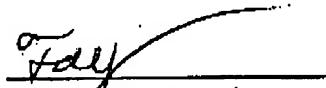
Applicant respectfully requests that examiner withdraw the rejections and allow the claims for the reasons presented in the response to office action filed February 22, 2006. If not, then Applicant will proceed with filing an appeal brief pursuant to the notice of appeal filed on the same day as this response.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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